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### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE IX,  
SECTION 8, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO MUNICIPAL DEBT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the  
2 Senate concurring:

3       1. Article IX, section 8, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be  
4 amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the  
5 Governor:

6           8. Local debt limits: assent of taxpayers

7       Section 8. (1) No county, city, town, school district, or  
8 other municipal corporation shall for any purpose become  
9 indebted in any manner to an amount exceeding six per centum of  
10 the taxable property in such county, city, town, school  
11 district, or other municipal corporation, without the assent of  
12 a majority of the property taxpayers, who must also in all  
13 respects be qualified electors, therein voting at an election  
14 provided by law to be held for that purpose, the value of the  
15 taxable property therein to be ascertained by the last  
16 assessment for state and county purposes, previous to incurring  
17 such indebtedness; except, that in incorporated cities and towns  
18 assessments shall be taken from the last assessment for city or  
19 town purposes; provided, that under no circumstances shall any  
20 county or school district become indebted to an amount exceeding  
21 fifteen per centum of such taxable property, as shown by the  
22 last assessment roll thereof; and provided further, that any  
23 incorporated city or town, with such assent, may be allowed to  
24 become indebted to a larger amount, but not exceeding twenty per  
25 centum additional, for supplying such city or town with water,  
26 artificial light, or sewers, when the works for supplying such  
27 water, light, or sewers are or shall be owned and controlled by  
28 the municipality, and for the acquisition and development by the  
29 incorporated city or town of land or interests therein for open  
30 space preserves, parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities,  
31 PUBLIC SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES  
32 FACILITIES AND STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

33       (2) The provisions of section 18, subsections (3), (4),  
34 (5) and (6) of this article shall not apply to this section.

35       2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters  
36 at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of  
37 Arizona.